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## Local News

### Paw Paw and Vicinity

Marion Chadwick of Decatur was in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy L. Tuttle was a Kalamazoo visitor last Saturday.

Frank Avery was in Chicago on business the first of the week.

L. B. Gorton delivered a piano to parties in Marcellus on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weston were guests of her mother, Mrs. Cora Barrows in Lawrence last Sunday.

Mrs. Nathan F. Simpson of Detroit was a guest at the A. O. Duncombe home the latter part of last week.

Very few foreigners are taking out Naturalization papers these days, no second papers, or petitions having been filed for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lockwood of Hillsdale have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jesse Raymond and family a part of this week.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Gorton music store, and the fine new front will add materially to the appearance and convenience of the place.

The following teachers attended the Teachers' Institute last Thursday and Friday held at Grand Rapids, Miss Dillon, Mr. Gottheimer and Mr. Harbold.

The Progressive Farmers' club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole next Thursday, November 15th. The complete program will be found in another column of this issue.

The "Maids and Matrons" club held their first session after the summer vacation at the pleasant home of Dr. Verne Van Fossen last Friday evening. A delightful time was reported.

Rev. David Samson of Warren, Minnesota will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the usual hour. There will be a Union service in this church in the evening.

Judge L. B. Des Voignes gave an address to the Boy Scouts in Dowsagiac last Friday night, and another to the Hartford people in the Baptist church in that village on Sunday evening.

During the month of September 466 Gun Licenses were issued by the County Clerk. Among them are five ladies of Van Buren county who have taken out licenses to hunt Deer in Northern Michigan.

Does the date opposite your name on margin of paper read November 9th, 1917 or some later date? If not you are indebted to us on subscription start with a clean slate. "Pay your bills, so we can pay ours."

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held in Memorial Hall tomorrow (Saturday). The inspecting officer will be present, and all officers and members are requested to be there. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 P. M.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in Michigan during the three months prior to October was 1,350,000 bushels. One hundred mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed during the month of October.

There will be a meeting of Waverly township ladies at the Waverly Grange hall next Tuesday, November 13th, for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Unit for the eastern half of Waverly township. All interested are urgently requested to be present.

The Quartermaster Enlisted Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army require in the neighborhood of three thousand men to serve as clerks, blacksmiths, farriers, horseshoers, saddlers, storekeepers, tentmakers, wheelwrights, wagonmasters, assistant wagonmasters, skilled laborers, watchmen, packers etc. Any man between the ages of eighteen and forty-five is eligible for enlistment, provided he has not been called by his local board for examination, and is physically qualified. Further information and application blanks will be furnished by Ralph B. Innes, Captain Q. M. U. S. R., Room 555, Federal Building Chicago.

Than Nash and family have moved to Kalamazoo.

At a meeting last Sunday the Christian church pledged the sum of \$25.00 for the Y. M. C. A.

Elmer Downing of Chicago was shaking hands with old friends and doing business here on Wednesday.

Wilson Jennings of Lawrence is a new employee of the village of Paw Paw in the electric light department.

There will be a dancing party at Longwell's Opera House this Friday evening. Good music and everybody invited.

The Ladies Aid will hold an all day session at the church on Tuesday November 13th. Dinner at noon and a good time all day.

Charles Hathaway who was seriously injured by being thrown from a load of grapes some weeks ago is improving and is now able to get down town.

Carl Mather was home Sunday to spend the day with his parents. He is now stationed at Ranford, Illinois but expects to be transferred to some place in the South soon.

Mrs. Gertrude Hughes who has spent the past ten weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Felter, has returned to her home in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Rev. H. Freeman of North Vernon, Indiana will preach at the Christian church next Sunday. All members are urged to make a special effort to be present. Everybody is welcome.

A card from Mesdames Sanger and Gardner, orders The True Northerner sent to their address at 23 Hospital street, St. Augustine, Florida, where the ladies have gone for the winter. "All well, and weather beautiful," reads the card.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stanley of Benton Harbor on November 2nd, twin boys that tipped the scales at eight and eight and one half pounds respectively. The boys have been named "Hugh Edwin" and "Charles Daniel." The mother will be remembered as Miss Alice Epley formerly of Paw Paw.

A dainty little pink edged card received this week announces the arrival of an eight and a half pound baby boy, "Charles Wesley" who came October 27th, to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Toles Jr. of San Jose, California. Mr. and Mrs. Toles were formerly Paw Paw people and their friends here join in congratulations.

The True Northerner advertises two big auction sales this week. One for L. R. Warner at the Rink, Paw Paw on Saturday of this week, and the other for Dr. D. W. Crankshaw of Lawrence on the Lyman Witter farm on Wednesday of next week. Quarter page "ad" of both auctions appear in this issue. A large list of high class property is to go to the highest bidder.

A large army of clerks are still needed at Washington. At the present rate of increase the usual clerical force of 35,000 will be more than doubled before another year if the war continues. Representatives of the Federal civil service commission at the post offices are the official recruiting agents for this great civilian army. If you want a clerical position at Washington, inquire at the post office for particulars.

Many children from all over the county invested their savings in a Liberty Bond. One Hartford boy bought a \$100.00 bond says the Hartford Day Spring. The youngster from our neighboring village is to be commended, as are all the patriotic boys and girls all over the land. We know of one ten year old Paw Paw lad who will be the proud possessor of a \$200.00 Liberty Bond, purchased with money from his own savings.

By calling at the Paw Paw Drug company store today or tomorrow you will be surprised to learn just how far one cent will go in the purchase of goods. These enterprising merchants are now conducting one of the biggest one cent sales ever pulled off in this vicinity. This issue carries a half page "ad" of the sale. Read it carefully, and don't miss a single item. It is seldom that you have an opportunity to purchase a pound of coffee or tea for one cent. The "ad" will give full details of the sale.

There will be work in the First degree at the I. O. O. F. hall tonight.

Miss Helen Moore is the new clerk at the Emporium.

Mrs. H. J. Dunbar was the guest of Kalamazoo friends the first of the week.

Frank McCon was among the Lawrence visitors in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Charles Blackwood of Kalamazoo made a business trip to Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Johnson returned last Monday from a pleasant trip to California.

Henry Holt is no better and is gradually failing. His family and friends have little hope for his recovery.

Frank Hodges is suffering with a severe cold this week. He is able to be at the store, but is working under difficulties.

Arthur Nunn, Warren Smith and Will Baugher made up a hunting party to leave for the North woods last Monday.

The ladies of the Coterie will be guests of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Lodge rooms next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Wakeman and Wynn spent the week end at the home of his sister Mrs. Archie Abrams and family at Prospect Lake.

Miss Helen Harrison is the guest of Kalamazoo friends this week.

Mrs. Helen Clapp Purdy of Niles is the guest of her relatives here this week.

A recent issue of the Los Angeles Times contains a poem entitled "Exemption" from the pen of Mrs. Annis J. Scott, who is well known here. The stanzas ring with patriotism.

Mail Carrier Roy Harrington has been transferred to the clerical force in the post office to succeed Guy F. Warner, who resigned to accept a position in the First National Bank, and Eli Curtis of Grand Rapids takes Harrington's place on the Mail Route.

The County Association O. E. S. will meet in Paw Paw in annual session next week Wednesday, November 14th. The sessions will be held in the Masonic Lodge Rooms. At noon there will be a potluck dinner in the Maple City club rooms. Members are all requested to bring their own dishes and silver with well filled baskets. In the afternoon the association will join with the ladies of the Coterie for a program in the Lodge room. It will be a great day for the "Stars" and a big time is anticipated.

We desire to thank the many readers who responded to our appeal for subscription money since last issue. Nearly two hundred have renewed subscriptions during the week, and fifty new names have been added to the list. We are truly grateful for the liberal response, and may we not ask those who did not take the trouble to examine date last week, to turn now to their name on margin of paper, and if the date is not November 9th, 1917 or later, call at our office during the coming week and get a receipt for next year. We need the money now, and it is desirable from every point of view to have our subscription list cleaned up to date. It is only a little for each one, but means much to us.

We are much gratified over the reception given The True Northerner of last issue. Many of our readers have taken the trouble to voice their approval, and so far as we have learned the first page of "Solid News" gave universal satisfaction. We have also eliminated all advertising locals from front page, which we trust will also meet the approval of our readers. We will be glad to accept advertising locals as heretofore and will find a good location for them, but not among front page locals. It is some work to accumulate one solid page of locals and we will appreciate any assistance our readers are able to give. If you have an item of local interest tell us about it. Use the phone, or drop a line if you cannot come to the office. It is these little items gathered here and there that makes up an ideal newspaper, and we want them all.

Charles Hathaway is now driving a new Ford car.

Fred Mau was in Kalamazoo on business last Tuesday.

Crystal Snow is rapidly improving from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Elvira Morrison and daughter Agnes were Kalamazoo visitors last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. C. Chappell who has been on the sick list for several weeks is convalescent and able to sit up.

Since Miss Indian Summer came to town, all good housewives are busy giving the home a good airing.

Supervisor E. A. Chase started on his annual hunting pilgrimage in Northern Michigan on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Warner of Waverly moved to Paw Paw on Wednesday and are nicely located in part of the house owned by Mrs. Quick on Elm street.

Jay Smith and family returned to their home in Holland recently after spending a vacation at the home of her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus McEachron.

The Engel Bakery force surprised one of their number, James Holcomb at his home last Monday evening. The occasion was his birthday, and a jolly good time was spent.

The local Rebekah lodge entertained their sisters from Lawrence on Wednesday evening. A supper and entertainment was furnished, and the guests royally entertained.

The weather man certainly got his dates mixed this year, and gave us November weather in October. It is ideal now and here's hoping we may be favored until the holidays.

H. L. McNeil was called to Jackson the first of the week on business connected with the Odd Fellows Home of which he is one of the Trustees. He returned to Paw Paw Wednesday evening.

Frank Shaefer who has been ill for several weeks is improving slowly and is now able to be out again. It is probable that the condition of Frank's health will necessitate another winter in the Sunny South.

Let us advertise your auction sale. The circulation of The True Northerner will insure a crowd, no matter how small a number of bills you may have printed. If you are planning an auction, bring us the list and we will do the rest.

A bouncing nine pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Darby of Valparaiso, Indiana last Saturday. Mrs. Darby will be remembered as Miss Olive Geddes. Grandpa is feeling pretty "Chipper" since the news arrived, and Grandma is also feeling pretty fine.

The Food Conservation campaign will close this week. A total of something over 225 pledge cards have been signed in Paw Paw township, and many more are expected before Saturday night. Mrs. Emma R. Smith is chairman for this township, and she has had valuable assistance through the rural schools, the churches and local organizations.

The flour situation is becoming serious. Mr. Engel of the Engel Baking company states that a car load of flour for his bakery, which was expected six weeks ago has not left the mills yet, and he is not satisfied as to the time of its probable shipment. In the meantime he has been buying up all the flour he can get his hands on in the country, in order to keep running. The continued shortage of flour will mean the closing down of many bakeries.

The winter weather terminated as suddenly as it came, and the weather this week has been ideal. Farmers have made good use of it and many thousand bushels of potatoes have been dug and secured. The grape harvest is practically over. There are many acres of unpicked grapes, but they are of no practical use now, except for wine or vinegar. A few carloads are being shipped for this purpose and if the weather holds good, more will follow next week. The price is low compared to what they brought before the freeze, but still they are worth saving. There have been a total of approximately six hundred carloads of grapes shipped from the local station.

Mrs. M. P. Allen is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Southworth is gradually improving in health.

The Girls Knitting club met with Miss Mildred Shepard on Monday evening.

Frank Miller returned Thursday from a several days business trip in Detroit.

Lee Danger and Dwight Barker started on their annual hunting tour last Monday.

Mrs. Will Sellick accompanied her aunt to Grand Rapids Saturday for a visit at her home.

The girls of the Coterie gave a literary program at the club rooms on Wednesday evening.

Miss Winnifred Merritt of Jackson was a week end guest at the home of her sister Mrs. Frank Miller.

Mrs. Robert Smith entertained the ladies of the Third Division of the Presbyterian church last Friday after noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead residing north of town are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby, born to them Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Whitney, mother of Mrs. Wm. Payne will leave soon for Florida. She will join Mr. and Mrs. Payne in Chicago enroute.

A business and social meeting of the Christian Endeavor was held at the home of Mrs. Martha Thayer last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bates of Waverly township are moving to Paw Paw for the winter. They have sold their farm to Bert Colburn.

The Wolverine Fruit Association shipped their last car load of grapes on Tuesday of this week. They shipped a total of 286 carloads during the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, residing near Three Mile Lake have purchased the C. A. Wolf property on Territorial street which they expect to occupy soon.

All the members of Paw Paw Encampment No. 30 I. O. O. F. are requested to be present at the next meeting on Wednesday evening, November 14th. Business of importance demand their attention.

Jason Woodman, farm expert for Kalamazoo county, gave a lecture on "Food Conservation" in the M. E. church at Augusta last week. A number of the soldiers from camp Custer were in the audience.

Mrs. Mary Welch returned home Friday from New York where she had been the guest of her brother Fred Kimball for some time.

Mrs. Bangs Warner entertained the ladies of the Monday club at Bridge on Monday afternoon.

Clyde Cumings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cumings of Paw Paw has recently been promoted to the position of Auditor in the Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles. Clyde has been in the banking business but a few years and his rapid promotion is very gratifying to his Paw Paw friends.

Pearl E. Pritchard formerly of Paw Paw and late of Decatur is now employed in the Newcomb Endicott big department store in Detroit. Mrs. Pritchard and daughter Miss Lois have gone to California to spend the winter with relatives, and their son Harry is in France, a member of the First Michigan Ambulance Corps.

Manager Reeves of the Idle Hour Theatre announces a special added attraction for Tuesday evening of next week. It is a celebrated feature known as "The King of the Rail." This film will be shown in addition to the regular Tuesday night program and with no additional price of admission. Mr. Reeves is doing his best to please the people of Paw Paw and vicinity. Show your appreciation by patronizing the show, especially this one. Remember the date. Tuesday, November 13th.

Mrs. Bertha North returned home Monday evening from a visit at the home of her sister Mrs. Henry Crawford in Lawrence township. Her sister accompanied her home and spent several days here. Mrs. North will leave soon for an extended visit at the home of her daughter Mrs. Royal T. Hall in Grand Rapids.

Edwin Quartermas was the guest of his parents in Kalamazoo last Sunday.

Mrs. Rena Beach and children of Glendale will soon be residents of Paw Paw village.

Sheriff Beattie and Stenographer Wilber were in South Haven on business the first of the week.

Lieutenant Mark Chaffee was home from Camp Custer to visit with his parents and friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pugsley have returned from an extended visit with their daughter in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warner, Mrs. R. W. Broughton and Mrs. Jennie Warner were among the Kalamazoo visitors on Thursday.

Dr. D. W. Crankshaw of Lawrence has sold his business in that village and enlisted in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army. He expects a call to the Colors soon.

A letter from Mrs. H. W. Barr orders The True Northerner sent to 212 Northwest street, Orlando, Fla., where the family have gone to spend the winter months.

Miss Mildred Van Tassell will leave for California soon and expects to spend the winter there. She will accompany Mrs. Payton who has been a guest at the Van Tassell home for some weeks.

J. E. Packer has gone to Macey, Indiana for a two weeks visit with his two daughters and other near relatives. Another daughter, Mrs. Spaulding of Hartford accompanied him on the trip.

At a recent meeting of the D. O. T. C. Miss Irene Lane was elected president to succeed Miss Margaret Southworth, who resigns on account of the continued poor health of her mother.

"Service" is the name of a periodical published by the state of Michigan during the period of war. It made its initial appearance this week, and will be published at frequent intervals. It is published by the War

M. H. Young and Miss Josie Van Auken were in Mendon last Saturday to attend the funeral of Wesley Custard, a lifelong friend of the Young's family. Dr. G. F. Young of South Haven accompanied them.

A War Conference of Michigan business men and industrial leaders of the state will be held in the city of Detroit tomorrow, (Saturday.) The conference is under the auspices of the Michigan Manufacturers association and will take up many angles of the food and war munitions problems the country will face during war times. Judge Frank H. Williams of Allegan has a place on the program and will speak on "War Finances."

The Y. M. C. A. Drive will be on next week. Van Buren County's share of this fund is \$5,000, and the county is organized for the work. Our boys are in the trenches now, and no one can overestimate the necessity and value of Y. M. C. A. work. It is a worthy cause, and we must listen to the call. We cannot afford to turn a deaf ear to the appeal of this noble and patriotic organization. Anything that will add to the comfort, the care, and peace of mind of our boys in the army is worthy of our help and attention.

A. J. Teed of Mattawan was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office the first of the week. Mr. Teed has recently returned from Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he spent two weeks in attendance at the "Peace Jubilee." There were about ten thousand veterans of the Civil war in attendance and they were about evenly divided between the Confederates and Union soldiers. There were two mess halls, accommodating about five thousand each and all sat down to meals together. The U. S. Government appropriated \$150,000 for the expense in camp, and many states paid the transportation expenses of the soldiers. Michigan however was not that liberal and our veterans paid their own expenses. Mr. Teed was in the U. S. Navy in the Mississippi squadron. It has been fifty-three years since he saw Vicksburg, but found many familiar scenes in the battle scarred regions in that vicinity.

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